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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: URANIUM ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS FOR IRAN

REF: A) TEHRAN 5409 B) TEHRAN 5463 C) USEC BRUSSELS 5601

1. WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED AT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE AEC MAY INTERPRET THE LANGUAGE OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS SIGNED RECENTLY WITH IRAN AS PROHIBITING THE USE OF URANIUM FROM ONE CONTRACT TO FUEL TWO NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. REFTel A CLEARLY SIGNALLED THE IRANIAN INTENT TO USE THE TWO CONTRACTS TO FUEL FOUR 600 MWE REACTORS. THE CHANGE OF POWER LEVEL FROM 1000 MWE TO 1200 MWE FOR THE TWO CONTRACTS WAS REQUESTED BY THE GOI SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE. REFTel B SHOULD LEAVE NO DOUBT IN ANYBODY'S MIND THAT THE SHAH WAS UNHAPPY WITH OUR INABILITY AT PRESENT TO SATISFY IRAN'S REQUIREMENTS FOR ENRICH-
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MENT SERVICES, AND THAT HE EXPECTS US TO ARRANGE THINGS TO

FULFILL THEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. TO COME BACK TO HIM NOW WITH SOME
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SPLITTING INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT WORDING WHICH WILL DENY
HIM TWO OF HIS NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS IS TO RISK A MAJOR CRISIS
IN OUR RELATIONS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: THE AEC IS STRONGLY URGED TO INTERPRET
THESE CONTRACTS LIBERALLY SO THAT THE IRANIAN POWER DEVELOP-
MENT PROGRAM CAN PROCEED ON SCHEDULE. IF THERE IS SOME VALID,
UNALTERABLE REASON WHY THESE CONTRACTS ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY
FLEXIBLE TO EXTEND TO TWO FACILITIES, SOME SORT OF PALLIATIVE
SHOULD BE PROVIDED. THIS MIGHT TAKE THE FORM OF A FIRM COMMITMENT
TO PROVIDE THE BALANCE OF ENRICHMENT SERVICES ORIGINALLY REQUESTED
BY THE GOI, OR AT LEAST A PORTION THEREOF.
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